GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:688
ANSWERED ON:14.05.2002
SURRENDERED MILITANTS IN J & K
RAMDAS ATHAWALE

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the surrendered militants in Jammu and Kashmir have deserted the rehabilitation camps;

(b) if so, the number of surrendered militants who so far deserted the camps;

(c) the reasons therefor;

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to bring them into the national mainstream; and

(e) the amount spent by the Union Government on these rehabilitation camps so far and the number of surrendered militants who returned to national mainstream during each of the last three years and till date?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 688 FOR 14TH MAY 2002

(a) to (c): As informed by the State Government of J&K, no surrendered militants have escaped from the Rehabilitation Centres.In fact, the two Rehabilitation Centres set up by the State Government in the year 1993 - one at Reasi (Jammu) and the other at Mansbal (Srinagar) - have become non-operational since the year 1998. The new surrenderees have been unwilling to stay in the Rehabilitation Centres. Therefore, they have been permitted to stay at their own places as is permissible under the State Government`s Surrender Policy.

(d): Government of J&K has formulated a Policy for Surrender of Militants and Rehabilitation of Surrenderees with a view to bringing the surrendered militants into the national mainstream. As intimated by the Government of J&K, various measures have been taken for rehabilitation of surrendered militants which include recruitment to Central Para-Military Forces, engagement as Special Police Officers and providing means of livelihood through self-employment schemes, vocational training, etc.

(e): The Union Government reimburses certain costs towards implementation of the Surrender Policy to the State Government of J&K. Accordingly, a sum of Rs.48 lakhs has so far been reimbursed. As intimated by the State Government, 812 surrenderees have so far been recruited in Central Para-Military Forces, 11 surrenderees have been issued permits for operating video coaches and 74 surrenderees have been issued route permits for mini buses. Loans have been sanctioned in respect of 86 surrenderees for self-employment units. In addition, 2486 surrendered militants have been engaged as SPOs.

State Government has informed that the number of militants who have surrendered and returned to mainstream was 109 in 1999, 104 in 2000 and 85 in 2001.